MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Officers with headquarters at Muvattupuzha are not given hill allowance. The headquarters of the Assistant Engineer, Kotamangalam, are at Kotamangalam.

Hill allowance to Officers at Kotamangalam.

307. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Kotamangalam is included in the area where hill allowance is allowed by the Government;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether hill allowance should not be allowed to the other officers and their staff also at Kotamangalam;

(*c*) whether there is any special reason for allowing hill allowance exclusively to the Kotamangalam Assistant Engineer who resides at Muvattupuzha and the clerks working in his office, without extending the same concession to all such officers; and

(*d*) if so, the reason for the same?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) This does not arise.

(*c*) and (*d*) The Temporary Assistant Engineer, Kotamangalam and his staff get local allowance. This has been allowed as the executive work of this temporary Sub-Division mainly lies in hilly tracts.

Hill allowance to certain officers of the State.

308. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any officer whose jurisdiction includes any area where hill allowance is allowed but whose office and permanent residence are at a place within his jurisdiction, where hill allowance is not allowed, is usually given permanent monthly hill allowance, instead of allowing for his journeys in the hill allowance area alone the increased rate of travelling allowance sanctioned in the case of hilly tracts; and

(*b*) if so, which officers and clerks of which offices are given such allowance?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No such officer is *usually* given permanent monthly hill (local) allowance.

(*b*) The temporary Assistant Engineer and staff of the Pallivasal—Neriamangalam Road Construction Sub-Division located at Kotamangalam are given hill (local) allowance, as a special case.

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